IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at col. 1, line 16 as follows:

--The present invention relates to the isolation, purification and characterization of derivatives of 1,4-bis-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbutane (~~nordihydroquaiaretic~~ nordihydroguaiaretic acid, NDGA) The derivatives were isolated from leaf and flower extracts of the creosote bush (Larrea tridentata, Zygophyllaceae) and together with NDGA can be used to suppress Tat trans- activation in lentiviruses, including the HIV virus. Other broader aspects of the invention, including use of the disclosed compounds for the treatment of Herpes simplex virus, will also be hereinafter apparent.--

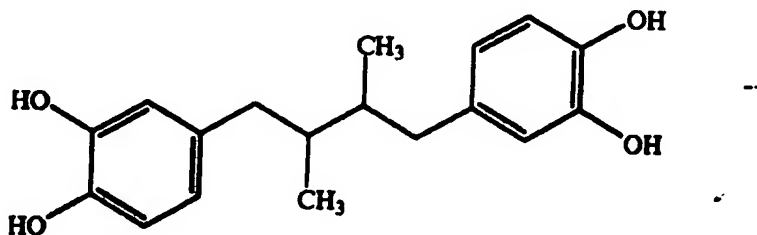Please amend the paragraph beginning at col. 2, line 34 as follows:

--Each compound was isolated from leaf-flower extracts of the creosote bush Larrea tridentata and is a derivative of 1,4-bis-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl) -2,3-dimethylbutane (~~nordihydroquaiaretic~~ nordihydroguaiaretic acid, NDGA).--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at col. 3, line 25 as follows:

--The present invention discloses the isolation, purification and characterization of derivatives of 1,4-bis-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbutane or ~~nordihydroquaiaretic~~ nordihydroguaiaretic acid (NDGA). Each derivative of NDGA was isolated, purified and characterized according to the following procedures.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at col. 11, line 19 as follows:

--L1 has the composition $C_{18}H_{22}O_4$ and has been identified as a previously known chemical, 1,4-bis-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbutane (~~nordihydroquaiaretic~~ nordihydroguaiaretic acid, NDGA, Merck Index, 10th Edition, 16534). The structural formula for L1 is as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at col. 14, line 20 as follows:

--Compounds L2 and L3 are derivatives of a previously identified chemical, 1,4-bis-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethyl butane (~~nordihydroquaiaretic~~ nordihydroguaiaretic acid, NDGA, Merck Index, 10th Edition, #6534). The structural formula for NDGA, which is identical to that of L1 described above, is as follows: